

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 28, 2014

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's older citizens and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

The 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Last night, the House passed budget bills H2703, H2705, H2706, H2707, H2708, H2709 and H2711. These bills are scheduled in the Senate Appropriations Committee on Monday, 3/31 at 10 am, Senate Room 109.

More information on the bills can be found through the **FULL LIST** link provided in the newsletter.

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

House Budget Proposal As Engrossed is provided [here](#).

General Fund Budget Proposal (House Dollar Changes) is linked [here](#).

Other Fiscal News

JLBC Monthly Fiscal Highlights March 2014 is linked [here](#).

Legislative Deadlines

Senate Session [Timeline](#)

House Session [deadlines](#)

Summary of Action

As of day 75, 1,205 bills posted; 7 passed; 6 signed by the Governor; 1 vetoed; 109 memorials or resolutions posted and 17 passed.

Some of the bills may be of interest to older Arizonans and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the Legislative Update web report page. Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the tracking list **does not** represent support or opposition by the Council to the bill. It **does** mean that the bill topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25263&listid=50228&print=true>

Note: The FULL LIST web report above provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about the bills being tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This list will continue to be edited until the end of the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Bills

S1097: silver alert notification system

Calendar: 3/31 House Caucus

S1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics

Calendar: /31 House Caucus

Website Resources

A list of the Representatives and Senators, Standing Committees and their members can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links.

[Members](#) of the **House**

[Members](#) of the **Senate**

[Standing Committees](#) page (Click on the committees to view the members as well as any posted meeting agendas or minutes for that committee.)

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Interested in the budget process? You can learn more at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>

Need to review the Arizona Constitution? Go to:
<http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>

You can find scheduled capitol events [here](#).

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you can voice your thoughts *at any time* by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or **contacting your legislator from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature [website](#)** and looking for: ***How do I find My Legislators*** or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member** links at the website.

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? **Maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

H.R.4201

Seniors Right to Know

Introduced on 3/11/2014 by Representative Jeff Denham (CA-10)

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require Medicare

Advantage organizations to disclose certain information on the changes made to the MA plan offered by such organization pursuant to changes required by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and for other purposes.

On 3/11/2014, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

H.R.4196

Seniors Fairness Act of 2014

Introduced on 3/11/14 by Representative Bill Johnson (OH-6)

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to eliminate Exchange cost-sharing subsidies, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a Medicare Advantage Improvement Fund, and for other purposes.

Text is provided [here](#).

On 3/11/14, the bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and the Workforce.

H.R.4251

National Traumatic Brain Injury Research and Treatment Improvement Act of 2014

Introduced on 3/14/2014 by Representative Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ-9)

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to establish a surveillance system regarding traumatic brain injury, and for other purposes.

Text is provided [here](#).

03/14/2014, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

If you want to check on the status of any of these bills or others, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

See **active federal legislation** at this [link](#).

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives or Senators by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities - NASUAD** *Friday Updates, March 28, 2014*

New Guidance on FLSA's application to Shared Living Arrangements

On **October 1, 2013**, the Department of Labor (DOL) published a Final Rule extending minimum wage and overtime pay protections under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) to direct care workers providing home based care to older adults and people with disabilities. DOL received many questions regarding how the rule would affect shared living arrangements such as adult foster care, host home, and paid roommates, where the person receiving services and their direct care worker live together. On **March 27, 2014**, DOL published an Administrator's Interpretation and fact sheet providing guidance on how FLSA applies to various shared living arrangements.

[Click here](#) to access the Fact Sheet.

[Click here](#) to access the Administrator's Interpretation.

Financial Steps for Caregivers

The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement has released a new publication entitled, Financial Steps for Caregivers. This 26-page guide addresses an aspect of caregiving that is often overlooked: the caregiver's own financial security. Studies show that caregivers forgo more than \$300,000 in lost wages and reduced Social Security and pension benefits. The publication offers tips on budgeting, saving for retirement, personal care agreements, identifying financial fraud and abuse, sources of financial help for the caregiver and the care recipient, end-of-life planning, and more.

[Click here](#) to view the publication.

Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures is linked [here](#).

National Alzheimer's Project Act

Updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

From **National Council on Aging NCOA**

New Reverse Mortgage Counseling Number: NCOA has a new national toll-free number for older homeowners to sign up for counseling when considering a reverse mortgage: **1-855-899-3778**.

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Hands Crossing Arizona *Building Awareness one person at a time*

WHEN: Tomorrow, March 30, 2 to 4 pm, Indian Steele Park Ramada area

More information can be found [here](#). [MAP](#)

WHAT: AARP Brain Health Seminar "Training the Grown Up Brain"

WHEN: April 2, 2014, 5:30 to 8:00 pm, Mesa Convention Center, 263 N Center Street, Building B, Mesa AZ

More information can be found [here](#).

WHAT: Experience Matters Richard Leider on *Life Reimagined*

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Arizona Science Center, 600 E. Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004

More information and registration is linked [here](#).

WHAT: 2014 AzTA/ADOT Annual Spring Conference & Bus Rodeo

WHEN: April 13 thru 15, 2014, University Park Marriott, Tucson, Arizona

Information and registration provided [here](#).

WHAT: Arizona Geriatrics Society 7th Annual Mental Health and Aging Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, April 16, 2014, Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85021 and Thursday, April 24, 2014, Handmaker Jewish Services for the Aging, 2221 N. Rosemont Boulevard, Tucson AZ 85712

More information and registration is linked [here](#).

WHAT: **Goodwill Yuma Job Fair**

WHEN: **Wednesday, May 22, 2014**, Yuma Civic Center, 1440 West Desert Hills Drive, Yuma AZ 85365

More information is provided [here](#).

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at:
<http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

